



REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

100 years after the end of the first World War - 11/11/2018



From art and sculpture, drama and storytelling, prayer and music, we remembered their sacrifice. Continued p2

CHRISTMAS PICTURE WINNERS



Congratulations to Mary Fowler on this beautiful painting of a festive Robin which wins her the adult category in the Christmas Picture Competition. See back page for winners **in the children's** category. All winners receive a small prize, and our thanks for sharing their wonderful work!



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- 1st 'Christmas Fare' Cottesbrooke
- 7th Festive Friday G'boro Primary School
- 8th Creton Walkers
- 8th Christmas Café Hollowell
- 9th Creton Singers Xmas tree farm
- 9th Guilsborough Guides Tea Party
- 12th Creton WI Xmas party
- 16th Guilsborough Sheep Hunt
- 16th Carol Service, Cottesbrooke
- 17th URC Carol Service, Creton
- 17th Guilsborough MMM Christmas Party
- 18th Creton Singers Xmas Carols
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- 20th Creton History Society

January 2019

- 1st Creton Walkers
- 9th Creton WI meeting
- 12th Creton Walkers
- 17th Creton History Society
- 21st Guilsborough WI
- 24th Guilsborough Neighbourhood Plan Voting plus MMM Guilsborough Mondays



LEST WE FORGET Four years of war – 100 years of memories

For two nights in the village hall in Guilsborough the GMADS under the direction of Pam Townsend captured the mood and feelings of the Nation with a deeply touching memory of the Great War. The war to end all wars - **which wasn't!**

This was such a moving production which encapsulated the Spirit and tragedy of that 1914/8 conflict. The audience could not have failed to appreciate the tremendous amount of research which this event demanded. It was presented with such sympathy, understanding and accuracy.

Pam Townsend has the wonderful ability to inspire all the cast who portrayed their parts with sincerity and meaning. It was interesting to note that a number of young budding actors were involved who took their parts so seriously. Fine potential for the future.

This was a deeply moving production and there is little doubt that there were lumps in many throats and tears in many eyes when the end of the evening arrived and the curtain closed on that final scene.

We shall not forget!

Len Hinderer



As well as the GMADS production, WW1 was remembered in drama by a travelling production which visited Guilsborough CEVA Primary School. See page 11 for the school report.

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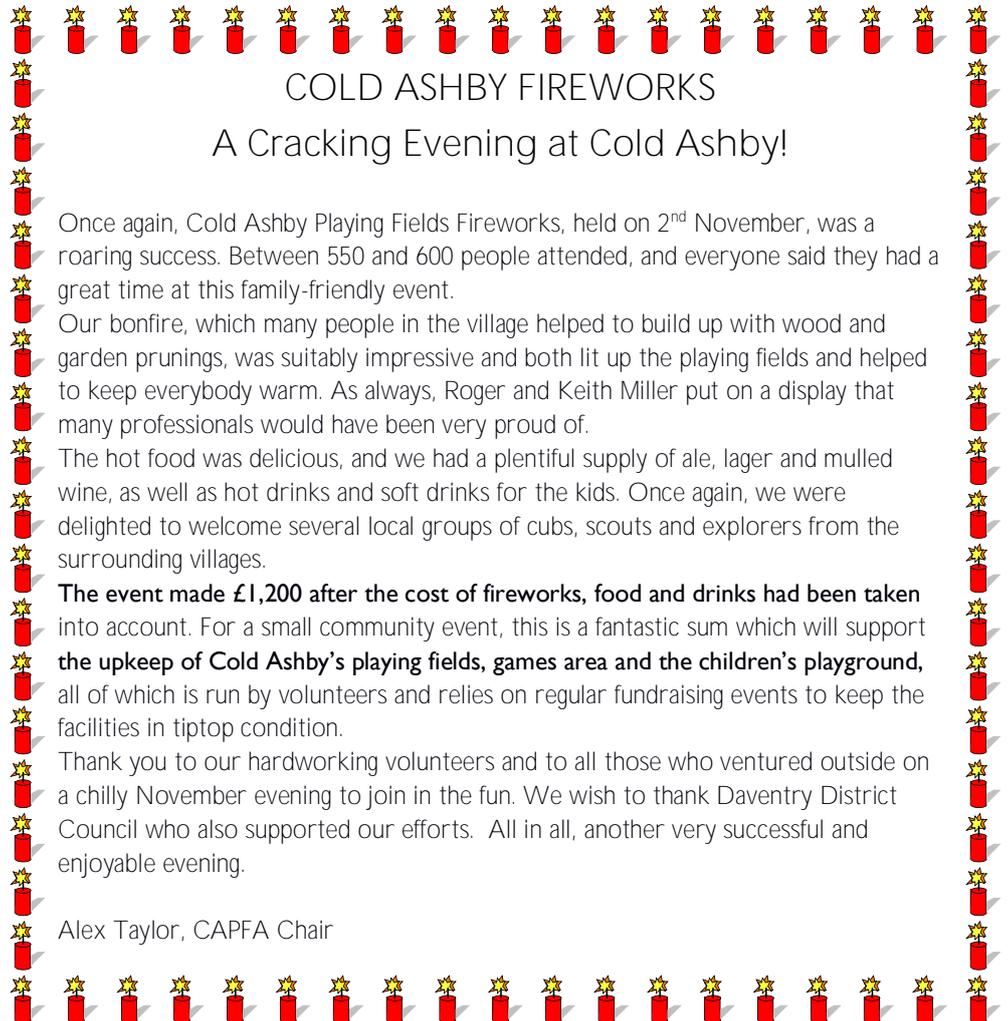


GREETINGS CARDS

After the success of Cold Ashby Open Gardens this year, we have produced a number of greetings cards featuring some of our lovely village blooms courtesy of local photographer, Julie Klimentos.

These are available to buy for £2 each or at the discounted price of 3 cards for £5, with every penny going to St Denys Church fund.

Cards are available from Debbie Sampson, Church Warden (dsampson313@gmail.com). Get yours quick - only a limited number are available!



COLD ASHBY FIREWORKS

A Cracking Evening at Cold Ashby!

Once again, Cold Ashby Playing Fields Fireworks, held on 2nd November, was a roaring success. Between 550 and 600 people attended, and everyone said they had a great time at this family-friendly event.

Our bonfire, which many people in the village helped to build up with wood and garden prunings, was suitably impressive and both lit up the playing fields and helped to keep everybody warm. As always, Roger and Keith Miller put on a display that many professionals would have been very proud of.

The hot food was delicious, and we had a plentiful supply of ale, lager and mulled wine, as well as hot drinks and soft drinks for the kids. Once again, we were delighted to welcome several local groups of cubs, scouts and explorers from the surrounding villages.

The event made £1,200 after the cost of fireworks, food and drinks had been taken into account. For a small community event, this is a fantastic sum which will support the upkeep of Cold Ashby's playing fields, games area and the children's playground, all of which is run by volunteers and relies on regular fundraising events to keep the facilities in tiptop condition.

Thank you to our hardworking volunteers and to all those who ventured outside on a chilly November evening to join in the fun. We wish to thank Daventry District Council who also supported our efforts. All in all, another very successful and enjoyable evening.

Alex Taylor, CAPFA Chair

COTTESBROOKE NEWS

HALLOWEEN ON HORSEBACK – TRICK OR TREAT

On 29th October children from “The Jackson’s Stables Cottesbrooke” rode through the Village on their ponies, wearing masks and costumes and begging for “treats” from residents.

What a sight. While one neighbour handed treats to the children, one pony pulled at her jacket as if to say: “Don’t forget me I am behind you!” When night came, “Jack o’ Lanterns” flickered along walls and gateways of the village. Some pumpkins had intricate details carved in them, quite an exhibition of talent!



Riders from the Jackson’s Stables, Cottesbrooke

INSPIRATIONAL SAYING

You have a choice in life to make, a choice on which path to take. Try always to choose the right path, your conscience within you knows. Truth is freedom and happiness. “Your faith will make you free”. May God richly bless your path.

FROM COTTESBROOKE ... TO CREATON POST OFFICE

You’re doing a great job! Happy Christmas from Chris Utley

NOTICE

A new Correspondent is needed for the Village Link in Cottesbrooke. Please join the Village Link editorial team in extending our thanks to Chris Utley for doing an amazing job over the last few years in sharing and contributing to Cottesbrooke village life. She tells us that she will still be supporting village events, but is seeking someone else to take over writing up the content and sending it over to us.

ANY VOLUNTEERS?

COTTESBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

“Bangers & Mash” at Cottesbrooke Village Hall on Friday night October 19th was a record-breaking success. The weather was fine and the valuable raffle prizes donated for the evening’s fun.

Lots of preparation and hard work goes into this special supper. “Nobody leaves” ‘till the dishes are done!! There were a few people who stayed to clean up. So, thank you to each helper in our village and their guests who came for such a great evening. Congratulations to the chairman of the Village Hall and his Committee for all the hard work and success achieved.

NATURE WATCH

My garden is a ‘Theatre of Nature’, you never know what to expect on the stage. This morning’s early performance was a buzzard as it caught its prey, not my cup of tea! The really funny “show” was a squirrel punching a pheasant on the chest as they fought over a crust of bread like two boxers.





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COTTESBROOKE NEWS

COTTESBROOKE CARES AND SHARE

Vicar Allison Twigg and Anne Strudwick joined parishioners in sending gifts from their Harvest Services to the Northampton Hope Centre at Oasis House. After learning of their needs they responded along with other residents of Cottesbrooke by sending: 10 trays of eggs, toiletries, fresh fruit & vegetables, an envelope of cash and shelf goods.



In October, when freezing temperatures came, villagers sent donations of warm clothing and shoes for both men and women, and a clean warm duvet and pillows were added. The volunteers at Hope Centre are so dedicated and cheerful receiving the gifts with great gratitude. All of you who sent in these items, thank you for your generosity and kindness.

CRAFT AFTERNOON

A craft afternoon for children took place on Saturday 3rd November in the Village Hall, with parents and Vicar Allison Twigg in attendance. We were fortunate to have Charlotte Hale as our craft teacher. She gave the children the opportunity to create and decorate their own ornaments. Charlotte also does flower arranging. We are grateful to her for taking the time to lead the children for the afternoon. Parents and visitors enjoyed a relaxed time with cups of tea and coffee as they watched the young artists at work. It was an enjoyable time for us all. Everyone worked together to clean up before they left. **Thank you all 'so, so much'. What a wonderful community we live in.**



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A "Christmas Fare" will be held at the Cottesbrooke Village Hall on the 1st of December from 2-00pm to 5-30pm. There will be lots of Homemade Crafts, Tea & Cake, and Crafts for the Children and a visit from Santa. Entry is £1 per person with all the proceeds going to the Ama Ghar Orphanage in Nepal. The Christmas Carol Service will be held at All Saints Church Cottesbrooke on the 16th December at 3-00pm.

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CREATON VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

The shop is going well. You may have seen that we recently held a cheese and wine tasting evening that was well attended, and cautiously launched our first Christmas of trading - well it was November! The big news of recent times is that we have been awarded **a grant of £20,000 by the Prince's Countryside Fund towards our staffing, or more particularly training our staff** - both paid and voluntary. This grant, which lasts three years, will allow us to run a paid member of staff and a volunteer at all times.

The shop is currently open 60.5 hours a week and taking into account the pre-opening and post-closing periods, we use 70 hours of volunteer time a week, matching that of the paid staff. This is a tremendous reflection on the amount of support the shop has, not only from Creaton but from volunteers from other villages. We must not rest on our laurels though and we are continually seeking more to add to our core group of over 30.

One of the many good things about running a Community Shop like the one in Creaton is how much the community is involved. From the shareholders and the volunteers to the customers, local is important and we are blessed with the support from all.

Creaton Village Shop also supports being local in the things it sells, including milk, bread, cheese and drinks such as beer, cider and even wine from not very far away! We are always looking to extend the range of locally sourced products, so if you have an idea of something that could be stocked, do talk to a member of the shop staff.

As our first Christmas draws ever nearer, the Post Office trade is building up. One thing that you may not be aware of is that when the shop is open so is the Post Office. You can use the full range of postal services on offer from 7:30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and from 8am to 12 midday on Saturday and Sunday. Now you can avoid the busy times by using the Post Office at a time to suit you. At the Post Office we offer banking facilities (depositing cheques and cash, and making withdrawals), a full range of standard posting services including Parcel Force, international posting, signed for and Next Day delivery, and the all-important depository for undelivered parcels. You can also get your car taxed and, from mid-November, the National Lottery and the Health Lottery will be available.

By the time you are reading this, some of the international posting dates for Christmas will have passed. However, you have until 14th December to post to Canada, USA, Czech Republic, Italy and Poland; 15th for Finland and Sweden; 17th for Austria, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain and Switzerland; and 18th for Belgium, France, Ireland and Luxembourg. In the UK, the latest recommended posting dates are Tuesday 18th for 2nd Class postage and Thursday 20th for 1st Class.



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UPDATE FROM CREATON COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY

At the AGM in September, one member of the Management Committee stood down but all others were re-elected to serve. This being the first AGM, there is a sliding scale of length of tenure, so that some will serve for 3 years, some for 2 and some for 1 before standing again - or standing down.

As we have now moved from an organisation building a shop to one of running it, the skills necessary will change and there is room to co-opt members to the MC should particular skills be required.

For further information, call in to Creaton Village Shop & Post Office. Alternatively, call the shop on 01604 328877 or look at the website: www.creatonvillageshop.co.uk

Finally Creaton Village Shop wishes all its supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NEW CREATON CORRESPONDENT

After over 5 years in the job I am retiring from the Editorial Committee of the Village Link and as the link person for Creaton. Richard Hollingum has offered to fill the vacancy and will be starting with the February edition. Many thanks for your contributions over the past years and please give Richard the same support. He can be contacted on: rphollingum@gmail.com or phone 07887 652599. Douglas McEwan

CREATON NEWS

CREATON SINGERS

Get Christmas off to a great start by coming to hear the Creaton Singers. On Sunday 9th December in the afternoon the Creaton Singers will be providing entertainment whilst you buy your Christmas Tree at Welford Christmas Tree Farm. Come and listen to a selection of traditional and new carols.

The annual carolling and concert will take place on Tuesday 18th December. Come to the Green at 7pm and join in the carols as we progress to the Village Hall for a concert at 7.30pm. Seasonal refreshments will be served. The concert is free and there will be a voluntary collection for charity. We look forward to seeing you and your families.

Merry Christmas from the Creaton Singers!

WALKING GROUP

The glorious summer is a distant memory and winter is making its presence known! Undeterred, the Creaton Walking Group have been out and about enjoying walks around Northamptonshire and Leicestershire.

Walks take place on the second Saturday of the month and are a 3 hour round trip from a pub, followed by an optional lunch. Newcomers and well-behaved dogs always very welcome. In addition, there is a slightly shorter New Year's Day walk.

Meet at the lychgate at 10am (**I am on New Year's Day**)

Next walks are on: Saturday 8 December; Tuesday 1st January; Saturday 12th January.

Why not make joining this friendly group your New Year's resolution?

CREATON W.I.

We meet in the United Reform Church in the High St At 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. If the meeting is to be held at a different venue this will be stated.



December 12th Christmas Party
January 9th Members evening at 7 Court House Close.

We welcome you at our meetings either as a guest or a new member. Come to meet old friends or make new ones. Please contact Daphne on 01604505546 for more information

FOSM HISTORY GROUP

We meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7.30pm in St Michael and All Angels Church, Violet Lane, Creaton. Come and join us for interesting talks followed by complimentary refreshments. **Members are free. Non members £3.50**

Next Meetings

Thursday 20th December. Charles Dickens by Steve Dimmer.

Thursday 17th January Saints, Stars and Scandals in Northamptonshire by Derek Blunt.

Our Christmas Fair in November was a great success in raising **£445. Thanks to the Committee for their hard work and to all** those who came along to support us. Although we are not a religious or church group our fundraising helps to preserve the fabric of our historic church.

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You can contact our Parish Clerk for Creaton Parish Council, Katrina Jones on creatonpc@gmail.com or by telephone on 01604 740862. As you will be aware we meet bi-monthly with the exception of Planning Meetings. Agendas and minutes of meetings are available on the village website www.creaton.org.uk A warm welcome to new residents in the village, we hope you will be happy in the Village and enjoy the many social groups and community events.

Autumn Litter Pick

We would like to thank the residents that came along and supported our Autumn litter pick. On this occasion we had noticeably less litter, due we think in part to the new recycling bins. The 14 adults and 6 young people collected in total 8 full bin liners of litter. Again many thanks for your support and from the Poppies Coffee shop team for opening on a Saturday to accommodate this community event.

Keep Creaton Tidy – Think before you throw

We have had a several comments around the increase in litter on the Knick Knacks Footpath mainly sweet wrappers and pop bottles – we would kindly ask if these could continue on the journey with you and be placed in a bin.



Creaton Parish Council

Meeting Dates: Parish Council Meetings

The meetings provide an opportunity for residents in our Village to come along and have a say. There is a Public Forum for the first 15 minutes and we invite all residents to come along and use this opportunity to meet your Parish Councillors and Elected Members of the council. Meetings are held in the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm. The meeting dates for 2019 are being reviewed. Dates to be confirmed.

Village Neighbourhood Watch – Is this for you?

Creaton’s Neighbourhood Watch Co-coordinator is moving on. Is this an opportunity that you would be interested in? The duties are not onerous and there is excellent support from our Daventry Area Co-ordinator, If more than one person is interested there are assistant coordinator roles available to take on as well. It is very important that we maintain a scheme in Creaton, our community would be very grateful if you would give this request serious consideration. Please contact Katrina the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

Planning Applications:

CPC meets every two months, planning applications information can be found on Daventry District Councils Website, or you can contact our Parish Clerk Katrina for information. Planning Applications as of 05/11/2018 DA/2018/0907: Morningside Cottage, High Street, Creaton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8NA Work to tree within a conservation area Please look on Daventry District Council for Planning Applications

BIG Changes for Local Democracy

Keep up to date.....

As we are all aware there are huge changes coming that may or may not have an impact on you. With this change on its way we would like to ensure that you have every opportunity to be kept up to date on consultation of services. As a small rural village we have a few ways to get information to our community

- a) Like our Facebook Page – we post updates and links
- B) Attend Meetings
- C) Parish Council Website
- E) Village Notice Board
- F) Village Link



Yet another Plea to Dog Owners
It’s a great shame that we have had several

complaints again about unnecessary and illegal Dog Fouling. The village playing field should be a safe place for residents of all ages to enjoy. As should the footpaths, village green and the verges. This is no longer the case! It is not pleasant to leave your pets mess behind. If seen and witnessed and reported to the Dog Warden based at Daventry District Council, you can be prosecuted and fined heavily so please Clean Up After Your **Pets...PLEASE**

Your neighbours are watching  you !

With the clocks changing we are back to darker nights, we encourage all of you to be vigilant and look after your neighbours.

Volunteers Wanted – Do you have some spare time? Creaton Village shop are looking to build capacity in the team of Volunteers. If you are interested please contact :

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We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year

Parish Councillor – Michelle Aveyard 01604 505820

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

VILLAGE LINK'S GLANVILLE HART

On Monday 8th October, founder of Village Link Glanville Hart passed away peacefully in his sleep aged 96, surrounded by his family. **A celebration of his life took place at St Etheldreda's on Friday 19th October**, a beautiful sunny day, and the Church was packed.

Glanville had lived in Guilsborough since 1988 and was an enthusiastic contributor to village life. He was a keen supporter and a very successful fundraiser for many of the clubs and societies in the village – secretary and treasurer and some-time umpire at the cricket club; a Guilsborough Playing Field Association committee member and treasurer for many years; a player, treasurer and some-time groundsman at the bowls club; a behind-the-scenes painter of GMADs backdrop scenery; a driver for Daventry Area Community Transport volunteer driver scheme; occasional golfer at Cold Ashby Golf Club; and a volunteer for Victim Support.

He was instrumental in setting up Village Link, when its predecessor Village Lines ceased, and was responsible for distribution. He raised funds to cover printing costs, kept an eye on the finances, and maintained a network of delivery volunteers around the villages, getting the newsletters out to them. He did that right up to last year. Even when he was unable to leave the house, his network came to him to pick up their newsletters to distribute, helping him stay connected to people and to goings on. He was a wonderful person, and he is sorely missed.



The Village Link Team with Glanville (far right) in March 2012

TIMELINE

Early life: Kensington, London: Glanville takes himself to Lords (cricket) and Highbury (Arsenal FC) – passions that stayed throughout his life.



WW2, aged 17, joins Navy: HMS Edinburgh lead him to the arctic convoys, torpedoed by U 256 on May Day 1942, the ship was eventually scuttled by HMS Nottingham and several months were spent in Murmansk Russia. Returning to England, he attended officer training at Lancing College, finishing top of his class.

D-day landings: First Lieutenant in command of Landing Craft 2225 damaged by a mine on the run into the beach. He collected a new Landing Craft (LCT 1138) from Chepstow and continued to cross the Channel to France.

Aged 24 marries Pauline: settles in Harrow Weald, children Deborah and Stephen

Post war: joins Hunting Surveys in Elstree as accountant but soon becomes Production Controller, a position held until retirement in 1985 after 39 years. Spare time spent with Royal Naval Reserve at HMS Northwood until retirement in 1976 as Captain, when he moves to Luton Hoo.

1988: moves to Guilsborough

After 70 years: After 70 years awarded Arctic convoy medal by British Government at moving ceremony on Loch Ewe. Not to be outdone, Putin then presented him with a Russian medal as well!

Teacher Training Begins at Guilsborough Academy



Guilsborough Academy
Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust

After a very successful opening of the centre by Chris Heaton

-Harris on the 6th of September training is well underway in the new teacher training facility at Guilsborough Academy. We have formed a satellite centre in order to train teachers from the Grand Union Teacher Training Partnership Programme and on the 18th of September we officially opened our doors to nine trainees training in MFL, History, Geography, English and Science. They have so far experienced numerous sessions exploring key topics such as behaviour management, safeguarding, life skills, bullying, e-safety, lesson planning, questioning, reflection and the theories of learning with plenty more still to come over the year. Our Subject mentors have also been busy using the centre for key subject specific meetings and training.

On Monday the 24th of September we saw five placement trainees come on board at Guilsborough Academy who will be with us until February half term. In addition, to this we have formed a partnership with the University of Warwick and the Ashlawn Train to Teach Alliance and have two Science trainees with us for the majority of the year training in Chemistry and Biology. We are currently also in discussions with other teacher training providers to see how we can work in partnership together in order to drive teacher training and recruitment within the local area.

Miss B Nunley, Assistant Principal—Teacher Training Lead



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Uplands group of Churches

GUILSBOROUGH ADVENT SHEEP TRAIL

Have some family fun finding the lost sheep!

The sheep hunt begins at **St Etheldreda's Church,**
Guilsborough

Sunday 16th December, 10am

Follow the trail through the village and end with a free Brunch,
craft, song and Christmas message in Guilsborough Village Hall
from 11am

Sheep Trail Competition - 50p per entry in aid of Northampton
Hope Centre

Winners will be drawn from the correctly returned entries.



CURRENT GUIDE GROUP CELEBRATES 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Ten years ago in September, 1st Guilsborough Guides was reformed and has always been fully involved in village, district, division, county, region, national and international activities. Guiding is full of opportunities.

We know there have been Guides in the village from early on – were you a Guide, do you have any photos or stories/memories to share? It would be great to put together a History of Guiding in Guilsborough and see the changes. As one Guide puts it:

“When you come to Guides you will make new friends. Guides gives you lots of opportunities to try things you have never tried before, like when I went to the Big Gig at Wembley Arena. This concert featured different soloists and groups including The Vamps, HRVY, New Hope Club, Cutkelvins and Samantha Harvey. It was hosted by Lindsey Russell (from Blue Peter) and was attended by 10,000 Guides. It was a great atmosphere and a memory I will never forget.”

As well as our regular meetings, November's activities included **Ice skating at Beckworth's Emporium** and marching to Guilsborough church for Remembrance Day.

On 9th December we will be hosting a tea party at Guilsborough village hall, in aid of Care International. This charity supports women and girls to overcome inequality and fulfil their potential.

If you are interested in joining Guilsborough Guides (and are aged 10-14), come along to one of our meetings on Friday nights in Guilsborough Primary School. Contact: Pauline Jacobs 01604 743792



It's been a super half term here at

Guilsborough C of E Primary, with lots of exciting things happening already!

We have seen whole class assemblies, **taken part in fundraising events, parents' evenings** and our German breakfast **morning to celebrate European 'Day of Languages' was thoroughly enjoyed by all.**

I was very proud of our talented school choir, who sang beautifully at our church Harvest Service that took place on Sunday 7th October at St Etheldreda Church in Guilsborough.

There have also been a number of sporting tournaments already this term, including our own in-house hockey tournament! Our Year 6 leaders certainly did a super job supporting the organisation of this.

Our new Guilsborough Wrap breakfast and after-school provision is up and running and the children are thoroughly enjoying their time at the clubs. Please visit our website for more information.

The children have been completing our whole school 'Project Friday' about World War 1 to mark this centenary year. We also had a theatre company visit our school to perform 'Your Country Needs You' (see page 2 for colour photo), which the children found extremely interesting and enjoyable. They learnt wartime songs, poems and stories which help them to understand this very important event in history. We have also taken part in a WW1 prayer space to explore many values, feelings and conflicts in the world today.

Please see our school website www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk and Twitter profile @guilsboroughpri to find out about all of the exciting things we are doing at our school and for any important updates.

**GUILSBOROUGH GUIDES
TEA PARTY**

Guilsborough Village Hall
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be served

Raising funds for Care International and
celebrating the centenary of women's vote



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE CAN YOU HELP?

The Guilsborough Playing Field Association maintains and runs the playing field at the far end of the West Haddon Road and we are looking for 2 new enthusiastic committee members! A Hospitality Rep We are hoping to expand the facilities at the pavilion by refitting the kitchen and installing a bar for next spring. This would make the area more attractive to local sports clubs and as an events venue; we need somebody to help set up and run this venture.

A Facilities Manager, responsible for maintenance and service contracts; this job is currently done by the secretary and he is ready to take a well earned rest from over 30 years of commitment to this role.

If you are interested in either of these roles, or in coming along to a meeting to find out more, please contact Graham Byars 740545 Graham.Byars@hotmail.com. Further details of the positions are available on the Village Link website (Issue 90 **GPFA page**) and the GPFA has its own website <https://guilsboroughplayingfield.com>

The GPFA is also evaluating options for future development of the Playing Field, following a recent survey of residents which showed that there is clear support for maintaining and developing the facility. Over the next few months a working group, including representatives of all of the groups in Guilsborough with an interest in use of the field will evaluate the different development options and make recommendations to the trustees. If any Guilsborough resident would like to have their say on the future of the Playing Field, or to be involved in the evaluation group please contact jimhoughton@reddeltaconsulting.co.uk.

2019 CRICKET SEASON

West Haddon and Guilsborough CC will start preparations for the 2019 season from February with indoor training sessions. New junior and senior players, including ladies and girls are always welcome. Please contact jimhoughton@reddeltaconsulting.co.uk for more information.



Meet new people and have a fun packed evening with Guilsborough and surrounding areas WI Witch & Sow the 3rd Monday of every month **Guilsborough Women's Institute for ladies in** Guilsborough and surrounding Villages of all ages. We meet the 3rd Monday of every month at the Witch & Sow, 7.30pm for 8pm start, bar is open, tea and coffee complimentary after the speaker. (Bring your own Mugs). **Visitors welcome, £5 per meeting.** We normally meet in the Restaurant unless an event requires more space and then you will find us in the function room at the back of the pub.

Next meetings: -

December- Christmas Special – date to be confirmed. Festive speaker making Christmas wreaths and silver jewellery. Mulled wine and nibbles, January 21st – Inspirational Speaker – Positive outlook can win results every time, teaching us all we cannot let a setback take over our lives. Join our WI - for more information contact Caroline Collins: 07980-809002

Harvest at Guilsborough

The Harvest Supper was well attended, and much enjoyed by all. Thank you to Tom Harper, Glennis and Tony Ambrose for the musical entertainment and to all those who produced and served the food.

We were able to raise £180 for a variety of charities:

Blythwood for the Christmas shoeboxes appeal, The Eve Refuge and The Hope Centre.

At the Harvest Service the following morning it was good to welcome the Primary School choir who sang beautifully. The plate collection was in aid of the Daventry Food Bank. We **were pleased to send £176 along with the food that had been** donated.

UPDATE FROM THE PRE-SCHOOL

We had a wonderful first term at pre-school welcoming back some familiar faces but also lots of new families too. We have also been attending Monday Morning Meet which has proved a huge hit not only with the children and staff, but the wider village community with whom we share a cupcake, story, play and creative time. Being part of the community is very important to us and it's an essential part of the children's social development. In other news we have made use of a DDC grant which we were

able to match fund through generous donations to redecorate the whole pre-school. Huge thanks to P M Murray Decorators of Northampton who completed the work in just 9 days over half term. Next we look to Christmas and we will be selling Hamper raffle tickets at the primary school's Festive Friday on 7th Dec. We have some session spaces available and if you would like to arrange a show-round please contact Dawn on 01604 740761. and you would also be very welcome to join us at our Christmas Performance at 10am on Friday 14th Dec in the village hall. Happy Christmas from us all!

MMM



Monday Morning Meet

GUILSBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

9 – 11am every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays)

All welcome baby – OAP's.
Baby & toddler toys for youngsters
Meet for a chat, coffee/tea, cake.

Only £2/adult - includes refreshments. Children free.

Christmas Party will be on Monday 17th December.

For more information contact: Janet 01604 740640

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Neighbourhood Plan Vote

24th January 2019

The final stage is imminent.

Our referendum is scheduled for 24th January 2019* and we need you to turn out and vote!

This process began 30 months ago and many of you have contributed to this plan during the two public consultation periods and through your responses to the Village Questionnaire. All your views and comments have been considered and



summarised in a formal document which is Guilsborough Neighbourhood Development Plan. We are now at the stage in the process which requires a formal adoption of the proposed plan which is by means of a public referendum. The referendum date is currently set for 24th January 2019.

GUILSBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL will be the Polling Station and will be open normal polling hours from early morning to late evening. You will receive a polling card from DDC through the post;

please don't discard it, this will act as a reminder of the date for you and we'll also be delivering a leaflet in person early January when you will be able to ask any questions you may have regarding the plan. In the meantime, if you've got any questions please contact the clerk at guilsborough.pc@gmail.com.

A majority vote will decide whether the plan is adopted and we encourage you to use your vote.

*Early December DDC will confirm the referendum date as final and it will be on both the GPC and VL website.

CAROL SINGING

Carol singing in Guilsborough this year will be on Tuesday Dec 18th.

Meet at 6.30pm on the big Green by the Cob Barn where there may be a Christmas tree!!

All welcome, bring a torch and wear warm clothing. Children must come with a responsible adult
Carol sheets and collecting pots provided.

As usual we will collect for the Hope Centre, and mulled wine and mince pies will be part of the event!



For more information contact Katie 07740 604067 or Mike 07970 664190

Newcomers welcome!

Speed Restriction Awareness Sign

In line with feedback gathered during the forming of our Neighbourhood Plan, the illuminated sign located near The Academy on West Haddon Road will soon be replaced with a newer model which will also display the speed of approaching traffic. These are quite costly items but do have proven success in reducing vehicle speeds. It is hoped other such signs in the village will be replaced as an ongoing project, as funds allow.



WW1 Commemorative Bench

The new bench has now been placed in the cemetery and is looking very smart. It was blessed by Rev Allison Twigg on Nov 11th. The bench was kindly purchased for the village by The Royal British Legion and is definitely an asset to the Parish.



HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

STEAM RALLY FAREWELL GIVE AWAY



The tent on Hollowell Steam Rally Field was packed one evening in late October for the annual "Give Away". This is the event when all the funds raised at the July Steam Rally are handed out to local charities. It is always a moving occasion: not only is it humbling to see what a team of steam enthusiasts and their supporters can achieve, but it is also amazing to witness the range of local groups who benefit. This year, donations were received by more than seventy charities, including the Police Welfare Fund, Northamptonshire Power Chair Football club (for young players using wheelchairs), Northants Samaritans and various scout units, village halls, schools, churches and playing fields. Cheques were distributed to Families need Fathers, Mules Are Us, the Talbot Butler cancer ward at Northampton General and one particularly moving donation was given to the Mighty Magnus Fund, to help provide medication for a sick six year old boy. In all £58,000 was handed out to good causes and it was inspiring to comprehend the fantastic work being carried out by the county's volunteers.



This year was a particularly special "Give Away" as it was the last headed up by the Steam Rally's founder, Allen Eaton MBE. With his wife Jane, Allen has led the Rally for the last 32 years raising 1.8 million pounds for local charities. Our hats off to them both and may they enjoy their retirement.



HOLLOWELL STEAM BONFIRE

It was a splendid mild and dry November night for the Hollowell bonfire and the rally field was thronged with excited revellers. As usual, the organisers had built a huge stack of pallets, topped with a caravan and several guys. The strong breeze ensured the huge edifice was soon ablaze and visible for miles around and the fireworks display that followed was superb. Hollowell Steam Committee said it had been a successful night and that they were delighted to have funds left over to donate to local charities.

HARVEST SUPPER AT HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL

A lively Harvest Supper was held in the newly refurbished Village Hall on September 13th. A total of 45 tickets were sold for the evening and the chatter and laughter rang across the room as people celebrated the end of the growing year and the start of autumn. The format for this year of a warm main course was a big hit with everyone and they tucked into slow roasted pork with accompaniments and an autumn fruit desert. Aspiring chef Jim Billings was congratulated as the meat roaster together with Carrie Billings who orchestrated the affair along with a posse of helpers. The event was also the baptism for a posh set of new crockery, cutlery and glasses that set off the meal. A raffle and quiz completed the evening and all went home with



full tummies and in jovial mood. A good village Do! The next Village Hall event is the **Christmas Café**, come along for coffee and fun on Saturday December 8th, 9am to 12 noon.

WE ARE HOPEWELL

Paul and Cheryl Charter have launched a voluntary support service called "We Are Hopewell" for the local community.

Paul says, "We started "Hopewell" in the realisation that in small villages like ours there are people who have no one to turn to when they are at the end of their tether, or in a crisis."

Hollowell residents should have received a flyer and fridge magnet through their door. Anyone wanting to talk can contact the Charters and their volunteer team via Facebook – just search for We-are-Hopewell and use Facebook messenger or email wearehopewell@gmail.com

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Hollowell's Armistice Commemorations included a fascinating display in the village hall detailing the lives of the fourteen men from the village who fought during the First World War, three of whom lost their lives. At the evening service of Remembrance in the village church, led by the Rev John Evans, the new commemorative bench was blessed and a beacon was lit in the churchyard as a symbol of peace. In the darkness, Paul Mourant bugled the haunting notes of the Last Post and Hollowell's single church bell rang out in chorus with bells across the nation



Private Joseph Bounds of the Royal Army Medical Corp died July 1917

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

HOLLOWELL HENS

October found the Hollowell Hens at the home of Alison Grasby for a shopping party with Zuche Boutique. Lisa, the owner of the business, brought along a lovely collection of stylish and reasonably priced knitwear, handbags, scarves and accessories. Lisa gave us a very engaging talk about her stock while modelling a number of items too. After making our purchases, we ended the evening with a glass of wine. Thank you Lisa and Alison for a super evening.

The Hollowell Hens tapped into their artistic talents at the beginning of November, for an evening crafting poppies out of plastic bottles in the Village Hall. These were used for decorating the village planters around the thatched bus shelter and in the churchyard to mark the Armistice commemorations. Many thanks to Viv Benjamin for organising this jolly event.



HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL TOTE WINNERS

The following people won £10 from the October Hollowell Village

Hall Tote draw:

Eddie Litchfield, Pauline Hall, Bob Carnell, Vince, Joan Leatherland,
Chrystal Baker-Bates, Alison Grasby, John Benjamin.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Buses and Bins

On the Buses

The Parish Council has received information detailing the passenger numbers for service 59 / 60 (Northampton – Market Harborough route) for the period 23 July to 30 September 2018.

This indicates a very low usage from residents in Hollowell (whether North towards Market Harborough or South towards Northampton). The majority of passengers from Hollowell used a 'bus pass' rather than actually paying for the service. It remains unclear if the service can continue after 31 March 2019 and how it may be supported financially.

Grit Bins – To fill or not to fill? That is the question Following Northamptonshire Highways decision to stop maintaining 500 grit bins across the county, including two in Hollowell, the Parish Council resolved to take over responsibility for the two grit bins on Church Hill, that were due to be decommissioned. Had the Parish Council not adopted the bins, they would have been removed. No further information has been received from Northamptonshire Highways (as of 31 October 2018) regarding this decision, but the Parish Council has received details from two contractors offering a refilling service. This will be an additional cost to the Parish and residents are reminded that grit bins are for highway use only and contents should be used sparingly to ensure salt is available when most needed.

Golden Wedding Renewal of Vows and a Christening

On 23rd September Alan and Diane Stocker enjoyed a double celebration. It was their Golden Wedding and they attended a service in Hollowell Church to renew their marriage vows, with a blessing from the Rev Chris Peck.

Their grandson, Charlie Dore was christened at the same ceremony by the Rev Alison Twigg. Alan is one of the original members of Hollowell Steam Committee and 32 years later he remains a much valued member of the team. Diane is also very much involved in the Steam Rally.

Following the service everyone was invited to join Alan, Diane and Charlie for tea in the village hall. It was a very happy and memorable family occasion.



THORNBY NEWS

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Thornby Village Hall
Management Committee.



It's back by popular demand!

BIG BREAKFAST

Sunday 3rd February 2019

9.0am to Noon

Thornby Village Hall
Variations of breakfasts

Full English £7.50p



Look forward to seeing you
then!

Contact Ann Galpin: 01604 743860

Thornby Village Hall Management Committee

Our most sincere thanks to Louise and Simon at the Red Lion Pub for their most generous donation to the Village Hall. The money was raised from their weekly meat raffle donating to various charities i.e Air Ambulance, Prostate Cancer etc. However they stated that they also wanted to do something for our village. This kind donation will go to our Bell Tower fund. Thank you both so much.

Ann Galpin
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Christmas is an invitation. At Christmas time, church communities all over the country dress their buildings with festive decorations, and open their doors on cold evenings, to help communities come together to sing carols and to celebrate Christmas with all manner of services from Donkey and Crib Services to more traditional Midnight Masses. In the villages of the Uplands Group that is exactly what we want to do - welcome you all to our services.

Christmas also encourages a response. For some this is joyful anticipation and excitement for time with family and friends, shopping and presents, mince pies and mulled wine. For others this time feels unbelievably painful. Gathering a family reminds us of family that we see no more. Visiting distant friends, finding enough money, sending cards and wrapping gifts can turn pleasure into stress, anxiety and another reminder of how happy we should be when in fact we are not.

Yet Christmas is also a time of hope, of peace, good will and community. God came among us as a vulnerable child, his parents relying on the generosity of others to provide a safe haven for his birth. The reality of the first Christmas for Mary and Joseph would be one of deep anxiety and distress before they found shelter. Jesus started his life with no home and then lived the first three years of his life as a refugee before he was able to settle. A far cry from the familiar cosy and idyllic nativity

scene on our Christmas cards.

So where was the Hope? The Angel came to Mary and the shepherds to proclaim **Christ's coming for all of us and to usher in a new way of living according to God's will: A radical way of loving all not just the few, a way of reconciliation, a way of respect, inclusion and love.** God identified himself with the sad, the lost the hopeless and the poor. Jesus was declared as God with us and through his death and resurrection he lives within each of us. The Hope for the world is that through our actions each of us can achieve great things and bring healing to the world. Let us dare to believe that we can change the world through the power and strength of God as we work together to make the Christmas season a time of hope for all time.

In church, we may sing the carol 'O come all ye faithful', but we really want to welcome not just 'the faithful' but all of you, whether you are unsure what you believe or just like singing carols, whether you are full of joy or feeling broken, come, we invite you to come home to church at Christmas.

And may you know God's blessing upon you and may his peace and goodwill be in your hearts this Christmas that you may face the New Year with renewed hope.

Reverend Allison Twigg



TRAVELLING CRIB

This year, Advent Sunday is 2nd December, so the Travelling Crib sets will be blessed at one of our Uplands Services and start on their travels around the Parishes finishing again at our Crib Services at Spratton and Guilsborough on Christmas Eve. If you wish to be part of this and have Mary & Joseph, then please contact:
Pauline Jacobs 01604 743792



Headstones in Guilsborough Churchyards

The PCC recently arranged for a safety inspection of all the headstones in the old and new churchyards. Regular inspections are recommended by the Diocese. The good news is that far fewer were found to have an immediate problem than in the previous inspection, although the prolonged dry weather had caused some instability in some. There were eight headstones which needed attention and which we have had repaired.

We are very grateful to the Parish Council for helping us to maintain the churchyards, and to Mark Hazle in particular. We would like to take this opportunity to respectfully remind those who look after family graves that there are certain rules and regulations which we are required to abide by. Only fresh flowers should be used, with a couple of seasonal exceptions. A copy of the regulations is on the entrance gate so please check if you are unsure.

Shoe Boxes and Blankets



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Shoe Box & blanket collection this year.

We sent 37 blankets & 119 shoe boxes in support of the Blytheswood Project.

Sue Needham

Reverend William Gibbs, vicar of Guilsborough for 32 years until 2000 died in October and is buried in Winwick with Sally Gibbs

CHURCH ROTA

Uplands Group of Parishes office (answerphone): 01604 743444

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		DECEMBER 2018											
Week of Month	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Sunday	Dec 2nd	Dec 9th	Dec 16th	Dec 23rd	Dec 30th	Dec 2nd	Dec 9th	Dec 16th	Dec 23rd	Dec 30th	Jan 6th	Jan 13th	
Holy Day	Advent Sunday	2nd Sunday of Advent	Third Sunday of Advent	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	First Sunday of Christmas	The Epiphany	Second Sunday of Epiphany	Third Sunday of Epiphany	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany		
Colour	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	
Cold Ashby	9.30am BCP Communion	10.00am	No Service	No Service	No Service	9.30am BCP Communion	10.00am	9.30am BCP Communion	10.00am	9.30am BCP Communion	No service	No service	
Cottesbrooke	11.00am BCP Communion	UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE	3.00pm Carol Service	No Service	No Service	11.00am BCP Communion	UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE	Communion	UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE	11.00am BCP Communion	No Service	9.45am BCP Morning Prayer	
Creation	9.30am CW Communion	Common Worship with	9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am Worship for All	10.00pm Midnight Communion	No Service	Common Worship with	9.30am CW Communion	Common Worship with	11.00am BCP Communion	Common Worship at URC for C. Unity	9.30am BCP Morning Prayer	
Gulfsborough	11.00am BCP Communion	Communion at THORNBURY	Brunch @ 11 6.00pm Carol Service	3.00pm Crib Service	11.30pm Midnight CW Communion	10.00am CW Communion	Communion at SPRATTON	11.00am BCP Communion	Communion at CREATION	8.30am BCP Communion	9.45am BCP Communion	9.45am BCP Communion	
Hollowell	Invited to join Gulfsborough		11.00am BCP Morning Prayer	11.00am CW Communion	10.00pm Carol Service	No Service	Invited to join Gulfsborough	8.30am BCP Communion	Invited to join Gulfsborough	11.00am BCP Communion	11.00am BCP Communion	11.00am BCP Communion	
Ravensthorpe	8.30am BCP Communion		2.00pm Donkey Service	No service	5.00pm Carol Service	10.00am CW Communion		8.30am BCP Communion		8.30am BCP Communion	11.00am BCP Communion	11.00am BCP Communion	
Spratton	11.00am Worship for All		11.00am CW Communion	5.00pm Table Talk	3.00pm Crib Service	No Service		11.00am BCP Communion		11.00am BCP Communion	8.30am BCP Communion	8.30am BCP Communion	
Thorby	No Service		3.00pm Carol Service	No service	No Service	8.30am BCP Communion		No Service		No Service	8.30am BCP Communion	8.30am BCP Communion	

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship * Gulfsborough Village Hall Morning Prayer is held at 9am. Gulfsborough on Monday, Wednesday & Spratton on Tuesday & Thursday mornings



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CHRISTMAS PICTURE COMPETITION WINNERS



In the younger age group Hazel Rolls (aged 6) from Thornby produced this happy festive people picture, which the judges found charming. In the older age group Joshua Heydon aged 10 from Hollowell captured our rural community at Christmas time in an original and nicely detailed festive picture. The judges found it VERY difficult to choose between these and the strong runners up: Lucy Schanschief aged 5 (below left), Annabel Derbyshire (below centre) and Madeline Feerick (below right), both aged 10 and all from Guilsborough. Well done to everyone who entered! Visit our website to see all the entries.



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Collections will continue to take place as usual over the Christmas and New Year period, except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day:

If your collection is due on Christmas Day (Tuesday, 25 Dec) it will instead take place on Saturday, 29 December.

If your collection is due on New Year's Day (Tuesday, 1 Jan) this will instead take place on Saturday, 5 January.

During the week beginning 7 January 2019, we will be carrying out an extra collection of your recycling bin on your usual day. Please put your blue-lidded bin out during this week, alongside any other bins that are scheduled.



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